

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application is under final rejection. Applicant has presented arguments hereinbelow that Applicant believes should render the claims allowable. In the event, however, that the Examiner is not persuaded by Applicant's arguments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendment to clarify issues upon appeal.

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2004. Claims 1-3, 6-21, and 24-43 are pending. Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-11, 14, 17-21, 24-25, 28-29, 32, 35-43 are rejected. Claims 12, 13, 30, and 31 are objected to. Claims 8-9, 15-16, 26-27, and 33-34 are allowed. Claims 12-13 and 30-31 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-11, 14, 17-21, 24-25, 28-29, 32, and 35-43 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 8-9, 12-13, 15-16, 26-27, 30-31, and 33-34 remain pending in the present application.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 8-9, 15-16, 26-27, and 33-34.

Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-11, 14, 17-21, 24-25, 28-29, 32, 35-42 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Egawa et al in view of Yoshida. Claim 43 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Egawa in view of Yoshida and further in view of Mcfadden. Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-11, 14, 17-21, 24-25, 28-29, 32, and 35-43 have been canceled. Their rejections are thus moot.

Claims 12, 13, 30, and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The examiner states that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 12, 13, 30 and 31. Amended claim 12 recites the limitations of claims 10 and 12; amended claim 13 recites the limitations of claims 10 and 13; amended claim 30 recites the limitations of claims 28 and 30; and amended claim 31 recites the limitations of claims

28-31.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 8-9, 12-13, 15-16, 26-27, 30-31, and 33-34 are patentable over the cited references. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims as now presented.

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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